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MEDIA NOTICE: Ferris Board of Trustees Hold Special Meeting

BIG RAPIDS – A special meeting of the Ferris State University Board of Trustees is set for 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at St. Ives Resort in Stanwood.

Items on the agenda include further renovation of Kendall College of Art and Design's first and seventh floors, revision to the Rock Café Renovation Project and Budget, and replacement of the mechanical system for the Arts and Sciences building, among others. Renovation to the South Campus green space also will be discussed.

The meeting takes place a day before the university bestows degrees upon nearly 500 students during two commencement ceremonies Saturday, Dec. 20, in Wink Arena. Ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. for the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Professional and Technological Studies. Ceremonies will be held at 1:30 p.m. for the colleges of Allied Health Sciences, Education and Human Services, and Engineering Technology. The College of Pharmacy and Michigan College of Optometry hold commencement exercises in May.

The commencement speaker for both ceremonies will be 2008 Distinguished Teacher Dr. Khagendra Thapa, professor of Surveying Engineering. He holds five degrees from four countries, including his native Nepal, Canada, England and the United States.

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